



The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League

NORWOOD AND ST. BONIFACE

— NO 43 —

MANITOBA COMMAND

Official Opening
OF
Legion Memorial Hall
NORWOOD, MANITOBA
Thursday, March 25, 1937

Menu

OLIVES PICKLES CELERY

FRUIT JUICE COCKTAIL

CONSOMME WITH CROUTONS

BREADED VEAL CUTLETS WITH TOMATO SAUCE

CREAMED MASHED POTATOES

CREAMED CARROTS

COMBINATION SALAD

ROLLS CHEESE CRACKERS

ASSORTED CAKE ICE CREAM

TEA COFFEE

Programme

Chairman:
CHAS. WALLACE



"O CANADA"

OUR FALLEN COMRADES

GRACE
Rural Dean Rev. F. W. Goodeve

OUR GUESTS

Pres. Geo. Bennett, Norwood and St. Boniface
Branch, No. 43, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.

ADDRESS

Brig.-General Alex. Ross, K.C., C.M.G.,
D.S.O., V.D.

Dominion President
Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.

HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES

Brig.-General J. L. Gordon, O.C., M.D. 10

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The Honorable John Bracken, Premier of Manitoba

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"GOD SAVE THE KING"

The Canadian Legion

SUCCESSIVE Governors-General of Canada have been pleased to accept the Office of Grand Patron of The Canadian Legion.

Numbered amongst those who have held the Office of Dominion President of The Canadian Legion since its inception are Lt.-General Sir Percy Lake, now the Legion's Grand President, and the late Commander of The Canadian Corps in France, General Sir Arthur Currie.

The Legion stands for loyalty to the reigning Sovereign, Canada and the Empire; maintenance of the principles of the British Constitution, a united spirit and ordered government in Canada.

In 1935 the Legion started with a total of approximately four hundred (400) Branches and Auxiliaries. Today it has 1,427.

In addition to its Dominion Command the Legion operates a Provincial Command in each Province in Canada, and has also established three State Commands in the United States. The number of Branches and Auxiliaries in the United States alone is 117.

The Constitution of the Legion provides for the carrying on of the specialized work of some of the uniting bodies; thus, there is a Tuberculous Veterans' Section comprising 15 Branches in Canada and one in the United States of the tuberculous and chest disabled. There is also the Imperial Section comprising a number of Branches whose members are ex-Imperials. There are also Branches consisting of Naval veterans.

In all its negotiations with the Government and with others with whom it is brought in contact, the Legion has always endeavoured to approach its duties with courtesy and with reasonableness. That these methods

are appreciated is demonstrated by the courtesy and consideration which, in return, are invariably extended to the Legion.

Good-will is the Legion's most precious asset. By Governments, by the Press, and by the Public the Legion has been signally honoured in this respect. The Legion is determined to so guide its affairs as to continue to fully merit the confidence and esteem which have been extended to it.

It has been said that the Legion organization is too impersonal—that in most cases it does not provide a man with the means for the mutual assistance of his former regimental cronies. Nothing could be less true. Let us take Bill and Alf—two bosom pals in the same platoon. Post-war fate settles Bill in the Peace River and Alf in Montreal. They never meet and ordinarily contact would be nil. But with each doing his bit through the widespread Legion organization, Alf is directly giving Bill a hand when the latter is up against it and perhaps Bill is helping to make it possible for Alf to get that pension he deserves.

The Legion can definitely claim to have faithfully and efficiently filled, since its inception, the role of Advocate and Defender of the interests of Canadian ex-service men and their dependents.

The Legion as an Organization has been described by His Excellency The Earl of Bessborough, the Legion's recent Grand Patron, in the following terms:—

“ . . . the Legion, an organization great in the objects for which it was founded, great in the traditions it seeks to uphold, great in the extent of its membership which can truly be called both Dominion wide and Empire wide . . . I have seen also something of a number of your branches not only in the larger cities but even, I may say, the furthest corners of this country; and everywhere I have been fully impressed by the loyal spirit I have found and the practice of good citizenship in its widest sense.”

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Shall We Probe Worthy

We're just a bunch of soldiers united in a cause
A bunch of has beens maybe — just clutching at the straws
The straws of love and justice — the straws we know are right
Straws that made us leave our home and go away to fight.

Many years have passed us since we heard the bugle call
Ringing in our ears and causing hearts to rise and fall
The cause of Freedom called us — our Country and our King
And the Band played lustily whilst every man did sing.

We sang across the Prairie — we sang across the Sea
We sang through Merrie England as happy as could be
No shadows hovered o'er us — our eyes were clear and bright
We had come from Canada and we were there to fight.

They soon found a place for us — they sent us Overseas
They sent us into battle — we came back twos and threes
The bullets got our comrades our pals lay where they fell
And as we sought to find them we cursed that war was hell.

We found them — we found them not — but spirits had passed on
To find rest with God above and with His only Son;
They would not fight again — they had passed away from us,
With Canada upon their lips — Canada — our Trust.

Their name was Legion when they left home to go away
Their name is Legion who rest in foreign soil today
To those of us who fought with them daily side by side
They pass the flaming torch — to keep faith with those who died.

Shall we break that Faith — the plea to us their Comrades true
Shall we forget their Mothers, Widows — their children too
Shall we forget in living that they lie dead in France
Shall we be worthy of our Canadian Legion Branch.

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— NORMAN J. DAVY

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